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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the **NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY** dated August 22, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the Abstract of the Technical Disclosure required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Please insert the attached Abstract to this Application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees, including any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0185. A duplicate copy of this authorization is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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